

SpiceJet to commence operations to Lakshadweep

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New Delhi: Low cost carrier; SpiceJet on Wednesday said that it will operate two flights to Lakshadweep under the regional connectivity scheme, Udey Desh ka Aam Nagarik (UDAN).

“We have exclusive rights to operate flights to Lakshadweep under the RCS and we will soon be launching flights to the island,” the airline’s chairman and managing director (CMD) Ajay Singh said in the annual general meeting held virtually on Wednesday (Jan 10).

“Plans to launch flights to Lakshadweep are being made and the airline will soon announce the flights with other details.

This comes in the backdrop of a diplomatic row triggered last week after Maldives’ deputy minister and government officials made unpleasant references to PM Narendra Modi’s Lakshadweep visit. Modi had visited the Union Territory on January 2 and shared pictures of his visit on

social media.

Singh also said that the airline will launch flights to Ayodhya. "We will soon launch flights connecting Ayodhya with multiple cities in the country," he said.

The Board of Directors of SpiceJet had, in December, approved fresh fundraising plans. Commenting on fund infusion, Singh said that a large part of the fund infusion of Rs. 2250 crore will be utilised to grow the airline and its network.

The airline has been struggling over the past few months due a severe cash crunch leading to poor one time performance with nearly 45% flights being delayed daily.

"Fund infusion will lead to a stronger and more resilient SpiceJet. It will open market potential and opportunities for the airline and will help in bringing grounded planes back to flying," he said.

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